



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**Meeting Held Electronically**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Pete Palmer; Commissioners Marie Monroe, Mike Ragole, Joel Stempil and Steve Ziomek

**STAFF:** Kelly Corsette, Communications/Public Affairs Director

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Mr. Corsette called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve November 4, 2020 Veterans Advisory Commission meeting minutes**

COMMISSIONER ZIOMEK MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR PULK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PALMER, VICE-CHAIR PULK, COMMISSIONERS MONROE, RAGOLE, STEMPIIL AND ZIOMEK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**3. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2020 Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report**

At the suggestion of Commissioners, Mr. Corsette will add a bullet point to the "Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, and Outcomes" section of the annual report stating that staff will reach out to various veterans' organizations and request a link to the City's veterans' page be added to their websites. He will also add the effort to contact veterans' organizations regarding linking the website to the Veterans Advisory Commission work plan.

COMMISSIONER RAGOLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER ZIOMEK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PALMER, VICE-CHAIR PULK,

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#### **4. Commission members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items**

Mr. Corsette said that he expects to have a complete plan to launch the veterans' issues discussion television program in time for the February 2021 meeting.

Mr. Corsette noted that the Commissioner candidate nominated by City Council withdrew his application at the last minute. He said that his department is working on a more active recruiting program for all of the City's boards and commissions. Chair Palmer encouraged Commissioners to let qualified candidates know that positions are available on the Commission. Mr. Corsette said that he doubts that City policy would allow appointment of a temporary Commissioner, but he will inquire about the possibility.

Chair Palmer asked that Commissioners submit to Mr. Corsette the names of veterans' organizations that would be interested in an opportunity to give a presentation during Commission meetings. These organizations might also be considered for the Veterans' issues television program.

Chair Palmer said that once the new Council is in place, he will make an appointment to brief the new mayor on Veterans Advisory Commission activities and hear the Mayor's goals for the Commission.

Commissioner Ziomek suggested that the Commission plan to have social gatherings for the purpose of better getting to know each other.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

#### **5. Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER RAGOLE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ZIOMEK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PALMER, VICE-CHAIR PULK, COMMISSIONERS MONROE, RAGOLE, STEMPIL AND ZIOMEK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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